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April 8, 1904

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at St. John, New Brunswick.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Billings reports, March 29, as follows: Week ended March 20, 1904: Number of immigrants inspected, 258; number passed, 253; number detained, 5.

CHINA.

Consuls at certain ports instructed to certify Chinese emigrants to Mexico.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, March 30, 1904.

SIR: Referring to the Department's letter of November 17 last, in regard to the request of the Mexican ambassador that the consuls of the United States at ports in China and Japan, where there are no consular officers of Mexico, be instructed to authenticate the health certificates of emigrants or passengers from those ports bound for Mexico, I have the honor to inclose herewith for your information a copy of a dispatch, dated the 12th ultimo, from the United States minister to China, reporting that the Chinese Government has instructed the Tartar general at Moukden and the superintendents of trade for the north and south to order the local officials concerned to require such Chinese as may be going to Mexico to comply with the arrangement made pursuant to the Mexican ambassador's request.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY.

The honorable the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

PEKING, CHINA, February 12, 1904.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department instruction, No. 741, of December 24, informing me that the United States consuls at Chefoo, Niuchwang, and Tientsin have been instructed to certify the health certificates of Chinese emigrants embarking for Mexico.

I have the honor to report that I have conveyed this information to the foreign office, and in reply I am informed that word has been sent to the Tartar general at Moukden, and the superintendents of trade for the north and south, directing them to order the local officials concerned to require such Chinese as may be going to Mexico to comply with this arrangement.

Your obedient servant,

E. H. CONGER.

The SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos—Scarlet fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, March 23 and 30, as follows:

Week ended March 19, 1904: Bills of health issued, 6; vessels inspected, 6; crews inspected, 214; passengers inspected, 15.

All vessels in good sanitary condition, and no sickness on board of any.

No quarantinable disease has been reported at this port during the week.

Mortuary report for the second ten days of this month has not yet been received.

Good rains are falling here now that help greatly the sanitary condition of the city.

During the week ended March 26, 1904, bills of health were issued to 4 vessels going to ports in the United States; crews 107; no passengers.

No quarantinable disease has appeared at this port during this week.

Mortuary report, March 10 to 20, 1904.

Tuberculosis 5, malaria 3, tetanus 1, enteritis 3, enteric fever 1, other causes 7; total 20.

There still exist a few mild cases of scarlet fever in the city.

On March 25 I investigated a reported case of eruptive fever in the country 6 miles from here, but found the report untrue.

Reports from Habana.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Echemendia reports, March 25 and 30, as follows: Week ended March 19, 1904:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	25
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected	1,165
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	836
Pieces of freight passed (salted hides)	500

Mortuary report of Habana for week ended March 19, 1904.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Pneumonia	7
Tuberculosis	29
Scarlatina	1
Bronchitis	3
Meningitis	10
Enteritis	4
Cancer	1
Rachitis	1
Arterio-sclerosis	1
Apoplexy	1
Eclampsia	1
Tetanus	1
Angina pectoris	1
Pernicious malaria	1

Total deaths from all causes, 120.

Week ended March 26, 1904:

Vessels inspected and issued bills of health	28
Crews of outgoing vessels inspected	1,071
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	714
Pieces of freight passed	679